

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT REQUEST
Verification of Adequacy of FOIA Search
or
"No Records" Certificate

The Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) mandates that a search for records responsive to a FOIA request must be "reasonably calculated to uncover all relevant documents" and must include all locations where responsive records are likely to exist. Failure to conduct an adequate search can result in litigation against EPA. In order to defend the Agency in such litigation (which could occur months or even years from the time of the search), it is necessary to record the methodology used to conduct the search. Therefore, please answer the following questions and include this information with any responsive documents found. If no records are found, please submit the signed verification.

FOIA Request No. EPA-HQ-2016-010052

Brief Description of Records Requested: emails, attachments, drafts of a study "Public health impacts of secondary particulate formation from aromatic hydrocarbons in gasoline" co-authored by Prakash Bhawe.

Name/Title/Phone Number/E-Mail of Person Conducting the Search: Rohit Mathur, Senior Atmospheric Scientist; (919) 541-1483; mathur.rohit@epa.gov and Renee Perry, Administrative Officer; (919) 541-4541; perry.renee@epa.gov

Describe the types of records searched (i.e., email accounts, office files or electronic records): archived email account and attachments

Describe the locations searched:

Files: archived emails prior to March 2013

Databases/System sources: Lotus Notes email archive

Keywords/phrases used: SOA, aromatics, Environmental Health, Stackelberg, Schwartz, Buonocore

Individual Workstations/Laptops: None, as Dr. Bhawe does not work at the EPA anymore

Other electronic media (describe): we checked for archived data files owned by Dr. Bhawe related to this study on our Linux cluster, but did not find any.

List other offices throughout the Agency that you feel may possess responsive documents: None

CERTIFICATION

A thorough search has been conducted for documents responsive to FOIA Request # EPA-HQ-2016-010052

✓ I certify to the best of my ability that the attached documents are the only EPA records from this office that satisfy this request.

 I certify to the best of my ability that no responsive records exist.

Rohit Mathur (Signature)
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